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River users Forth Ports Website

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Marine

Forth and Tay Navigation Service is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by appropriately qualified Assistant Harbour Masters who are supported by VTS Operators qualified to the required MCA V103 standard. The service they provide includes radar surveillance of the Forth Estuary from the Eastern Port Limit (Tantallon Castle on the south shore to Fife Ness on the north shore) and of the Tay Estuary from the Aberlady Outer Buoy to a line just west of the Tay Rail Bridge. Their duties also include enforcement of the Forth Byelaws and General Directions for Navigation and the Byelaws for the Port of Dundee. This ensures a safe and speedy passage of all commercial and naval shipping from sea to port and back to sea again.

Forth Ports has five radars covering the Forth Estuary; at Gullane, Leith, Burntisland, Port Edgar and Grangemouth and one radar at Buddon Ness on the Tay. In addition, Forth and Tay Navigation Service personnel maintain and update a computerised Vessel Database, which records all details of ship voyages in the estuaries. Both radar picture and database can be viewed and accessed by the Harbour Masters in the main ports in the Estuary and also by Forth Pilots, based at Granton.

The Duty Officer at Forth and Tay Navigation Service can be contacted at any time on Ext. 8584, direct dial 01324 496504, by email ftns@forthports.co.uk or by fax +44(0)1324 668480

Bona Fide organisations who wish to visit the Forth and Tay Navigation Service should apply to the Marine Manager.

In order to continually improve safety on the Rivers Forth & Tay for all river users Forth Port provides important and useful information on the company website.

<http://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/>

Under the Marine Tab on the website, the following information is available:

- Local Legislation
- Notices to Mariners
- Marine Guidelines & Information
- Emergency Response Plans
- Marine Contacts
- Marine Pro-formas and Forms
- Tide tables (current and future years)
- Port Marine Safety Code Information
- Live Meteorological information from our ports

Be aware that the company website is the Port Authorities primary method of communication with river users, and should be checked as it is updated regularly with important information.

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